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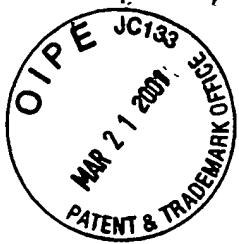
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicants submit the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 for consideration during prosecution of the above-captioned patent application, filed on August 11, 2000. Applicants hereby request the Examiner to review and make an independent evaluation of the art.

The patents cited herein are parent patents to those cited by the Examiner in the Office Action dated December 20, 2000. Thus, under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(1) and (e)(2), these items were unknown to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing date of this statement. No fee is due.

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